

Final Minutes of the
San Joaquin River Management Program
Action Team Meeting
November 30, 2000

California State University Fresno
Fresno, California

Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met at CSU, Fresno. There were no comments on the Draft Minutes of the July 26, 2000 meeting.

Watershed Workshop

Kevin Faulkenberry updated the group on the course "Working at a Watershed Level" planning. Currently, the focus is on obtaining funding and identifying potential sponsors. The subcommittee is still waiting to hear the outcome of the CALFED proposal. It is anticipated that USFWS will consider funding the course if CALFED does not. Funding for the Tuesday night dinner is still being sought. Faulkenberry also reminded everyone that there is an opportunity to display a poster presentation during the week. The website for the project is:
<http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmp/workshop/index.html>

Goals and Objectives

Since 1990, the San Joaquin River Management Program has served as a forum for identifying, discussing, planning and supporting projects and programs that address water quality, water supply, flood protection, fisheries, recreation and wildlife on the San Joaquin River system. In 1995, the SJRMP Plan was completed. This plan identifies nearly 80 consensus-based actions that, if implemented, will benefit the San Joaquin River system and its many users. Recent funding and cooperative efforts like the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the Parks and Water Bonds (Propositions 12 and 13) have opened up new horizons and opportunities to implement these SJRMP actions along with innovative new projects that have been identified since 1995.

SJRMP is in a position to provide a regional forum in the San Joaquin Basin for local agencies, environmental groups and landowners to work directly with State and Federal agencies to develop ideas and to meet these challenges. Following the goals, principles, management guidelines and actions that will enable SJRMP to perform this role.

Goals

- Establish an organization to provide a regional, ecosystem-wide perspective for critical issues in the San Joaquin River watershed without the limitations imposed by political boundaries.
- Provide a regional grassroots forum to interface with other groups such as CALFED, local governments, environmental organizations, water rights holders and landowners to generate buy-in for implementation of projects.

Principles

- Adhere to the original SJRMP mandate to use a consensus approach and to assure that actions do not negatively impact other beneficial uses.
- Participation by private landowners and others is voluntary.
- Give full consideration to landowner, public and local government concerns.
- Maintain an open, credible, collaborative process.

Management Guidelines

- Establish a clearinghouse for projects
- Catalog what has been accomplished and the status of projects or programs.
- Set watershed and project priorities.
- Streamline the permitting process.
- Ensure continued local involvement.
- Provide technical assistance to local project proponents.
- Educate the public and promote the entire watershed area.
- Generate new and accurate scientific data.

Actions

- Hire and fund a non-agency chair or coordinator.
- Establish a subcommittee to conduct outreach to generate buy-in from stakeholders.
- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding that identifies the roles of participants (leave open for adding signatures).
- Identify existing functional groups.
- Develop process to make decisions and set priorities (establish bylaws).
- Establish a firm membership list.
- Implement actions in 1995 SJRMP Plan and other beneficial projects.
- Hold evening meetings on a set schedule at a set location.
- Establish topic or area based subcommittees.
- Establish a timeline for meeting goals.
- Obtaining authority to enter into contracts, receive funds, etc.
- Draft extending legislation.

Other

Norman Crow on the West Stanislaus Resource Conservation District asked for support from SJRMP in their pursuit of funding for a Watershed Coordinator for both the West and East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District. The ACOE, USFWS and DFG offered to write letters of support for the grant application in lieu of approval of the process for letters of support.

Next Action Team Meeting: January 31, 2000 at 1:00p.m.

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